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1. SUMMARY: ECOSOC ADOPTED REPORT OF SOCIAL COMITE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS FRIDAY 17MAY. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES. BY PREARRANGEMENT RES EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE PASSED BY CONSENSUS AND NO VOTE WAS TAKEN. US REP CAST SINGLE "NO" VOTE AGAINST RES VII, WHICH CONDEMNS PORTUGAL AMONG OTHERS AND APPEALS FOR RATIFICATION OF THE INT'L CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID, AND MADE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. 56TH ECOSOC CONSIDERED REPORT OF SOCIAL COMITE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS 15 MAY 1974 (E/5514) WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS. NOTE THAT NUMERATION OF DRAFT RESES IN REPORT OF SOCIAL COMITE IS HIGHER BY ONE THAN NUMERATION OF RESES IN REPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (E/6464) BECAUSE COMITE REPORT BEGINS WITH RES ON DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AS RES I.

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RES I, DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM--PASSED BY CON-

SENSUS.

RES II, ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS-
OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES--PASSED
35-0-12(US). ABSTAINING COUNTRIES WERE ALL WEOS.

RES III, HISTORICAL AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF RIGHT TO
SELF-DETERMINATION--PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

RES IV, IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESES RE RIGHT OF PEOPLE
UNDER COLONIAL AND ALIEN DOMINATION TO SELF-DETERMINATION--
PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

RES V, REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS RE HUMAN RIGHTS IN LDCS--PASSED
BY CONSENSUS.

RES VI, ACTIVITIES OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS--
PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

RES VII, REPORT OF AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS--PASSED 40-1(US)-7
(BELGIUM, BRAZIL, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, SPAIN, AND UK).

RES VIII, MODEL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR UN BODIES DEALING WITH
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS--PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

RES IX, LEGAL PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS NOT CITIZENS OF
COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY LIVE--PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

RES X, REPORT OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON 30TH SESSION--
COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF REPORT BY CONSENSUS.

RES XI, PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE--PASSED BY CON-
SENSUS. BY PREARRANGEMENT WITH COSPONSORS CHILE AND US COUNCIL
PRESIDENT AMB KARHILO (FINLAND) ASKED IF THERE WERE NOT NOW A
CONSENSUS ON THIS ITEM. SOVIET REP S.N. SMIRNOV IN EFFORT
TO FORCE US INTO POSITION OF SUPPORTING CHILE, AS IT HAD IN
SOCIAL COMITE, RECALLED THAT THIS RES
HAD BEEN PASSED BY VOTE IN SOCIAL COMITE. KARHILO
POINTED OUT THAT COUNCIL WAS NOT BOUND BY ACTION OF ONE OF
ITS SUBORDINATE COMITES AND SOVIET REP DID NOT PRESS FURTHER
FOR VOTE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED REFTEL
US REP INFORMED CHILEAN PERMREP BAZAN THAT SHOULD THERE BE
VOTE ON RES US DEL WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR.

DRAFT DECISION A, DRAFT DECLARATION ON ELEIMINATION OF
ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE. IN SKILLFUL MOVE MONGOLIAN
REP SERVING AS CAT'S PAW FOR SOVIET DEL WITH WHOM HE WAS SEEN
IN EARNEST CONSULTATION, PROPOSED VERBAL AMENDMENT TO ADD
AFTER WORDS "GENERAL ASSEMBLY" IN NEXT TO LAST LINE "WITHOUT
BEING PREJUDICIAL TO RES 3069 (VIII)." NETHRLANDS REP VAN
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BOVEN, FLOOR LEADER ON THIS IEM, ACCEPTED AMENDMENT. HOWEVER,
SOVIETS LATER DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONED WHY HE
HAD DONE SO SINCE INTENT OF THEIR AMENDMENT IS TO THROW DRAFT
DECLARATION BACK INTO HRC WHERE THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IN-
TERRED IN THE PAST INSTEAD OF WORKING ON IT IN NEXT GA. DE-
CISION PASSED 43(US)-4-2.

DRAFT DECISION B, SITUATIONS WHICH REVEAL CONSISTENT PATTERN
OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS--PASSED 42(US)-5(CZECHOSLOVAKIA,

GDR, MONGOLIA, POLAND, USSR)-2(INDIA, ROMANIA).

DRAFT DECISION C, SLAVERY AND SLAVE TRADE--PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

DRAFT DECISION D, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF TWO WORKING
GROUPS OF SUB-COMMISSION--PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

DRAFT DECISION E, INFRINGEENT OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS--
PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

3. DURING EXPLANATION OF NEGATIVE VOTE ON RES VII, US REP
CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT RES HAD BEEN WRITTEN BEFORE
CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL AND QUESTIONED BOTH WISDOM
AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PASSING RES CONDEMNING NEW GOVERNMENT
WHICH WAS ENGAGED IN TOTAL REAPPRAISAL OF POLICIES OF FORMER
REGIME. US REP ALSO REFERRED TO US OPPOSITION TO PARA
CALLING FOR ALL STATES TO RATIFY INT'L CONVENTION
ON SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIME OF APARTHEID,
SUMMARIZING STRONG LEGAL ARGUMENTS MADE IN SOME DETAIL
DURING SOCIAL COMITE SESSION. IN CLOSING US REP REITERATED
FACT THAT NEGATIVE VOTE IN NO WAY REFLECTED ACCEPTANCE OF
REPUGNANT DOCTRINE OF APARTHEID. JAPAN AND IVORY COAST ALSO
REFERRED TO CHANGE OF GOVT IN PORTUGAL, WITH LATTER
EXPRESSING HOPE THAT SPINOLA GOVT WOULD GRANT INDEPENDENCE
TO OVERSEAS TERRITORIES.
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